return on networth, norms of capacity utilization, depreciation, etc.

(c) Considering the constraints of the availability of fertilizer raw materials and feedstocks, the rate of investment in the fertilizer sector is not unsatisfactory. There has been a significant effort of capacity addition over the last few years and a number of investment initiatives is on the anvil.

(d) The issue of amelioration of the investment climate for the fertilizer industry has been referred to the High Powered Fertilizer Pricing Policy Review Committee.

[English]

Border Area Development Project

621. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to allocate more funds for the border roads and border area development pojects for the district of Nadia and other districts of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) Lump-sum grants are given annually to the State Government by the Planning Commission. The schemes undertaken in the various border blocks are decided by a Screening Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the concerned State.

[Translation]

Declaration of Himachal as Tribal Region

622. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any demand to declare Himachal Pradesh as the Tribal Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) No Sir, there is no demand to declare Himachal Pradesh as the Tribal Region.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[English]

Funds to Orissa for Drought

623. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have not yet provided the additional financial assistance to Orissa to mitigate the acute drought conditions there;

(b) whether the Central Government have also not taken any decision with regard to the State Government's demand of Rs. 371 crore to launch intensive work in the brought hit areas;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the assistance is likely to be provided to the State Government ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) amounting to Rs. 36.76 crores for 1996-97 has already been released to the Government of Orissa. The State Government have submitted a Memorandum seeking additional assistance of Rs. 577.70 crores from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) for relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of drought conditions, including Rs. 371.00 crores for Employment Generation Programmes. On the basis of the report of a Central Team which visited the State to assess the situation, the National Calamity Relief Committee (NCRC) considered the request of the State Government for additional assistance. The NCRC has sought certain clarifications from the State Government about the requirements of additional Employment Generation in the drought affected areas. In the meantime, an amount of Rs. 13.00 crores has been released to the State Government from the NFCR, in addition to Rs. 106.34 crores as the second instalment of funds under the Employment Gereration Programmes.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Rice Procurement in Andhara Pradesh

624. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has been able to procure its target of rice, raw rice and boiled rice from the Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the total rice of the three different qualities procured by the Food Corporation of India so far;

(c) if so, whether it has been reported that despite the FCI agents, the farmers have been directly selling paddy to millers;

(d) if so, whether the FCI had opened a number of additional purchase centres in the East and West of Godavari but have not been able to reach out to the villages; and

(e) if so, the main reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The procurement of paddy under price support scheme is voluntary in nature for the farmers. Similarly, the collection of rice under levy scheme also depends on the purchase of paddy made by the millers. Hence, no targets as such are fixed for procurement of rice in any States including Andhra Pradesh.

Variety-wise rice procured by FCI for Central Pool in Andhra Pradesh in the current marketing season (upto 31.1.1997) is as under :

(in lakh tonnes)

	Common	Fine	Superfine	Total
Raw Rice	0.23	13.54	1.03	14.80
Boiled Rice	0.01	2.01	0.64	2.66*
Total :	0.24	15.55	1.67	17.46

(*–includes 0.80 lakh tonnes procured under relaxed specifications.)

(c) to (e) The prevailing market price of paddy in Andhra Pradesh is higher than the MSP of paddy fixed by the Government. The farmers therefor find it more profitable to sell paddy in open market than to FCI and State Government at minimum support price.

Number of purchase centres and their locations are determined in consultation with State Government. FCI opened following centres in the current Kharif Season in East and West Godavari Districts in Andhra Pradesh :

Distt.	No. of Centres Opened		
	Existing Centres	Additional Centres	Total
East Godavari	6	25	31
West Godavari	7	30	37

TADA Cases

625. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of live TADA cases, as on December 31, 1996 State-wise;

(b) the number of TADA Courts set up to try these cases as on December 31, 1996, State-wise;

(c) the number of accused in those cases as on December 31, 1996, State-wise;

(d) the number of those released on bail as on December 31, 1996;

(e) the number of those under detention as on 31.12.1996;

(f) the date of last review made in respect of TADA cases, State-wise; and

(g) the date of last review made by the Union Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) A statement-I is enclosed.

(d) As per available information 20037 persons have been released on bail.

(e) As per available information 1737 persons are under detention as per statement-II.

(f) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the table of the House.

(g) The last review under taken by the Central Government was on 27.8.96.

Statement-I

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of live cases [Part (a)]	No. of TADA Courts [Part (b)]	No. of accused in live cases [Part (c)]
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh@	294	61	1845
2.	Arunachal Pradesh+	14	12	57
3.	Assam%	2107	1	9886
4.	Bihar$	4	35	91
5.	Gujarat$	77	18	912
6.	Goa+	1	1	3
7.	Haryana&	103	12	219
8.	Himachal Pradesh%	1	3	8
9.	Jammu & Kashmir*	5154	2	6837
10.	Karnataka#	19	20	224
11.	Manipur$	579	4	2251
12.	Madhya Pradesh+	28	10	453
13.	Maharashtra	238	8	1146